

ARTICLE 6

SECTION 4

FLEEING FELONS

1. Fleeing felons are not eligible for CalWORKs, SSI/SSP, or Food Stamps; drug abuse felons are likewise not eligible for any of the above programs. However, **if otherwise eligible, both fleeing felons are entitled to Medi-Cal benefits.**

A. Fleeing Felon

Under federal regulations, a fleeing felon is defined as an individual who is “fleeing to avoid prosecution or custody or confinement after conviction ...for a crime...which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, ... or (who is) violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law.”

In order to receive Medi-Cal, fleeing felons are subject to all the eligibility requirements of the program. If otherwise eligible, fleeing felons can continue to receive Medi-Cal benefits until they have been booked, sentenced, or incarcerated; when any of the three occur, Medi-Cal eligibility ends.

Note: Drug abuse felons, if otherwise eligible, are also entitled to Medi-Cal. As long as they remain otherwise eligible, they can continue to receive benefits until they have been booked, sentenced, or incarcerated.